

### **County Ranking Among the 95 Tennessee Counties:**

1994-1996 three year average, age adjusted

- #9 Motor Vehicle Deaths**
- #12 Late Prenatal Care Births**
- #28 Lung Cancer Deaths**
- #52 Homicides**
- #57 Infant Deaths**
- #61 Coronary Heart Disease Deaths**
- #79 Suicides**
- #85 Stroke Deaths**
- #89 Births to Adolescent Mothers (age 10-17)**
- #89 Low Birth Weight Babies Born**

Smoking is a leading contributor to cancer, heart disease, COPD and cerebrovascular disease. Smoking and Tobacco Use rank in the top five of both the Community and Behavior Surveys. Heart disease has been the leading cause of death for Lawrence County residents for the past 4 years.

Teenage pregnancies are most likely the contributor to the Infant Mortality and Low Birth Weight Babies rate. Not getting adequate prenatal care and/or not having access to health care are also major factors to this rate.

### **Economic Data**

- As of July 1998, the unemployment rate in Lawrence County was 12.4%. This rate is higher than the state rate of 4.3% for this same period.
- The medium household income for Lawrence County, according to the U.S. 1990 census data, was \$20,842. The percent of the population living below poverty level was 15.3.